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PREPARE FOR SPRING SOWING

CRITICIZE AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTES -- Sofia, Izhev, 13 Feb 51

The agricultural experimental institutes have greatly contributed to higher yields of crops and in animal husbandry by introducing graded seed and by developing new varieties and new measures of afforestation, veterinary care, etc.

However, some failures are still apparent in the ideology and scientific methods of the institutes. Most of them were established at the time when the Weismann-Mendel-Morgan theories, which postulated the limiting of soil fertility, still dominated scientific thinking. The adoption of these principles by the Bulgarian institutes led to their practical isolation and confirmed them to purely theoretical work. Their methods were mostly designed for small, individual agricultural enterprises and were unsuitable for the large-scale socialized operations of farm workers' cooperatives and state farms. These scientific methods should now be thoroughly amended. The Biological Conference of 4-3 April 1949 was a proper step in this direction, and work should now proceed on the basis of Soviet agricultural and biological theories, in accordance with socialized agriculture.

DECREE SOWING SCHEDULES -- Sofia, Izhev, 11 Feb 51

The Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party have decreed the following schedules for the spring sowing campaign:

The sowing plan must be submitted to every farmer before 10 January; contracts for industrial plants should be concluded before the end of February; all farm workers' cooperatives, state farms, and private farmers should be supplied with seed before 10 February; the cleaning and disinfecting of seed should be terminated before 15 February; and the overhauling of equipment should be completed before 10 February in farm workers' cooperatives, state farms, and private farms, and before 1 February in MIS.

Unfortunately these schedules are not being properly observed in many areas.

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REPORT SPRING SOWING PROGRESS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 14 Feb 51

The period from 1 to 10 February was favorable for spring sowing operations because of frequent rain and snowfalls. The winter crops are already sprouting, but in some areas an ice crust is delaying the development of the crops.

Slight damage has been caused by leatherjacket larvae in Pavlikeni and Tolbukhin okolitsas.

The hothouses in tobacco- and vegetable-producing areas are being reconditioned for the production of planting material. Pruning, cleaning, and spraying have started throughout the orchards.

Agricultural machinery is being overhauled, and seeds are being cleaned and disinfected for early spring sowing.

SUPPLY GRADED COTTON SEED -- Sofia, Izgrev, 14 Feb 51

According to the Council of Ministers decree on sowing, the Tekstilni Vlakna State Enterprise is commissioned to supply cotton producers before 31 March with high-quality seed of the Soviet variety 915 and local varieties number 38, 78, and Malkov. Tekstilni Vlakna should guarantee 85-percent germinating capacity of the seed according to the tests made by experimental seed centers. In the main cotton-producing centers of Stara Zagora, Khaskovo, Kharmanli, Lyubimets, Plovdiv, and Chirpan, stations have been established to process the cotton seed with sulfuric acid.

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